Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Last part of Appendix (b). Will the Government be pleased to tell me what was the price of paddy at the time of the last settlement?

Rao Sahib Mr. T.V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—4 annas 7 pies.

Mr E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What was the market price?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The market price was calculated for 20 years at an average of 4 annas 7 pies.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—My question is what was the market price at the time of settlement.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Some thing like 6 annas. I think it was 6 annas.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do the Government know that the cost of cultivation has increased subsequent to that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It might have been.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do they also know that there was a corresponding decrease in the cost of cultivation and fall in price of paddy?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't quite follow the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do they know that there is a fall in the price of paddy?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do they also know that there is a fall in the cost of cultivation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

46. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend to give relief to the middle and low class land-holders in view of the various representations they have received about the alarming depression of the times that has evoked international clemencies;

(a) by annulling in whole or in part their debts to the extent of the accummulated interest either by general proclamation or by the constitution of a tribunal to Judge the merits of each case;

(b) by stopping fresh suits and execution proceedings until the dawn of economically easy times or asking the courts to show greater indulgence to judgment-debtors;

(c) by remissions in any of the demands the Government are making on them;

(d) by re-considering the position the Government have been pleased to take with regard to kuries and land revenue?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) to (d). Vide answer to Question No. 45 regarding measures taken to combat economic

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depression in the State. Government do not consider that the measures suggested are parcticable at present.

47. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

what steps, if any, they have taken to combat the economic depression in the State ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Vide answer to question No. 45.

Special Magistrate.

48. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) the special reasons that prompted the Government to appoint a Special Magistrate to try the Kumbalangi riot cases ;

(ii) whether such a Magistrate was appointed to try the Trichur riot cases ;

(iii) if so, who was the Magistrate ;

(iv) and what was his pay ;

(v) if not, why not ;

(vi) the name of the present Special Magistrate with his qualifications and pay ;

(vii) how long was he practising as a vakil in the State ;

(viii) the names of District Munsiffs, and Magistrates with first class powers in the State who are paid less than Rs. 400 a month at present with their service and pay ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(i) The Member's attention is drawn to the Diwan's Proceedings published at pages 1060—1061 of part I of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 20th Mithunam 1106.

(ii) No.

(iii & iv) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (ii).

(v) Information is not available at this distance of time.

(vi) M. R. Ry. A. Madhava Prabhu Avl., B. A. & B. L. Pay Rs. 400 per mensem.

(vii) Since 11th Chingam 1091.

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